THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION Nos.8159, 8161, 9646, and 9058 of 2007

Date: 02.07.2007

WRIT PETITION NO.8159 OF 2007

Between:

J,Lakshmi.

....Petitioner

And

Govt. of A.P., rep., by its Secretary, Revenue, Secretariat, Hyderabad and another.

....Respondents

WRIT PETITION NO.8161 OF 2007

Between:

Smt S.Chandrakala.

....Petitioner

And

Govt. of A.P., rep., by its Secretary, Revenue, Secretariat, Hyderabad and another.

....Respondents

WRIT PETITION NO.9646 OF 2007

Between:

M.Krishnamohan Rao.

....Petitioner

And

Govt. of A.P., rep., by its Secretary, Revenue, Secretariat, Hyderabad and another.

....Respondents

WRIT PETITION NO.9658 OF 2007

Between:

A.Pydi Rau.

....Petitioner

And

Govt. of A.P., rep., by its Secretary, Revenue, Secretariat, Hyderabad and another.

....Respondents

COMMON ORDER:

In this batch of writ petitions, the documents executed by or in favour of the petitioners were presented for registration before the concerned registering authorities. It is stated that the documents were processed up to some stage and thereafter, they were kept pending without furnishing any reasons. The petitioners seek appropriate directions to the respondents, to complete the process of registration and to release the documents. Reference is made to several proceedings, that were initiated on earlier occasions, and the filing of writ petitions before this Court assailing the same.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners.

Learned Government Pleader for Revenue, on instructions, submits that the lands covered by the documents belong to Sri Varaha Laxmi Narasimha Swamy Devastanam, Simhachalam, and it was found that they were not covered by Land Regularisation Certificate, as provided for in G.O.Ms.No.578, dated 19.08.2000.

The Registration Act and the Rules made thereunder prescribe the procedure to be followed, in the matter of registration of documents. In case, the registering authority is of the opinion that the documents cannot be registered, for any reasons, it has to intimate the same, by way of endorsement or letter or

proceedings. If the defect is as to the payment of stamp duty, the procedure prescribed therein, such as, making reference under Section 47-A of the Indian Stamp Act, 1899 is to be followed. The documents cannot be kept pending, without intimating the reasons therefor.

Hence, the Writ Petitions are disposed of, directing the concerned registering authority, to complete the processing of documents, in accordance with law, including Section 22-A of the Registration Act, as introduced through Act 19 of 2007, within a period of four (4) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. In case, the registering authority is of the view that the documents cannot be registered for any reason, it shall communicate the same to the petitioners, within the said period. There shall be no order as to costs.

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02.07.2007

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